

## VETERANS FURL FLAG.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, William Jones, Brig. Gen. Charles G. Long, Congressman Yates of Illinois, and Robert H. Wood were the guests of honor at a meeting of Gen. Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, held Friday night in Pythian Temple.

The furling of the fifty-four star service flag was followed by dancing.

LIQUOR EXPORTERS  
CANNOT GET SHIPS

Insurance Companies in Kentucky Refuse to Write Policies on Alcoholic Beverages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—With millions of gallons of whiskey and liquor waiting to be exported from this and other ports, before January 16, when the national prohibition amendment becomes effective, distillers and other owners of alcoholic beverages are meeting with great difficulty in getting freight and cargo space.

Shipping men declare that it is extremely doubtful whether cargo space can be obtained for more than a comparatively small percentage of the liquors offered for export, although some have announced a willingness to give preference to liquor shipments to help distillers and others out of their difficulties.

Customs house officials state a heavy export movement already is under way.

Export of liquor to Cuba is said to be much smaller than generally reported. It is pointed out that the heavy import duty on liquor in that country, combined with the fact that the space in bonded warehouses and storage plants there is greatly limited, has forced exporters to seek other fields. Last minute shipments probably will be made to Bermuda, Mexico, and Central and South American ports.

Harris and McGill, agents for the Dixie and Merchants and Miners' Steamship lines, report they have prepared to transport 5,000,000 gallons of whiskey from Norfolk and Baltimore.

Refuses Further Liability.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.—Still without a plan, so far as learned, to dispose profitably of 35,000,000 gallons of liquor, before January 16 when it must be out of the country, Kentucky distillers heard a pronouncement by the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company branch office here, that liability for whiskey could not further be provided by the company.

This action was taken by the company, it was announced, because of the fact that no valuation can be placed on liquor now that it cannot be sold.

Government Responsible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Action of insurance companies in canceling policies on whiskey and other intoxicating liquors, as announced by the Louisville, Ky., branch office of the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company in or out of bond, will "prove a final responsibility of the Government," and suit to recover from the Government the value of liquors prohibited from sale will be filed in the Court of Claims at Washington next week, Levy Mayer, counsel for the National Distillers' committee, states.

Mr. Mayer said the Rhode Island suit to contest constitutional prohibition before the Supreme Court would be the controlling litigation in opposing prohibition. Other suits for filing in Federal district courts are in preparation.

Send your name and the number of children you want to help on Christmas and be a Good Fellow.

## Let the Wedding Bells Ring Out

By JEAN KNOTT.

I NEED AN OVERCOAT BUT MY WIFE WANTS SOME NEW FURS AND I CAN'T AFFORD BOTH



BILL'S WIFE WANTS SOME FURS BUT BILL SAYS HE NEEDS AN OVER-COAT



I BET POOR OLD BILL DOESN'T GET THE OVERCOAT



HOW PERFECTLY SELFISH OF BILL

Santa Claus Is Coming to  
Furnish Old Dobbin Banquet

Animal Rescue League Will Bring St. Nicholas to Cheer Faithful Horses With Big Christmas Dinner.

Faithful Old Dobbin is going to have his special Christmas dinner just like the rest of us, even though he may be poor, old, and not of much use any more.

The Animal Rescue League has completed all preparations for its annual horse dinner and will serve it Wednesday, December 24 at the market sheds, Twelfth and B streets northwest, from 10 a. m. until midnight.

A full complement of women will be on hand to act as waitresses for the "old faithful" and Dobbin's master will not be forgotten, either, for he will have hot coffee and doughnuts at the same time.

Carrots for Desert.

There will be delicious chopped feed, hay, oats and corn and other horse staples, topped off with a carrot and an apple for desert, and if there wasn't a sugar famine there would be a lump of sugar, too.

Last Christmas the league served 208 poor work horses with Christmas dinner, and during the last five years during which the custom has been followed it has similarly fed more than 1,500. Every person in Washington or vicinity having a horse which needs a square meal is invited to bring the animal to the feeding place on Wednesday.

Horses being the most useful to man of all animals, often are most neglected and abused. The "rack of bones," which used to be a common sight on the streets of Washington, has steadily been disappearing through the efforts of the animal rescue league with the co-operation of the Police Department, but there are still many unfortunates.

They cannot all be disposed of quickly, for various reasons, of them is that the funds of the Rescue

League are limited, but the managers of the league feel that all those horses which may be cold or hungry and cannot be humanely disposed of, at least be fed a square meal for Christmas, and that is what will be done on Wednesday.

Tale of Troopers.

The managers of the league report that there has been a tremendous response from public sentiment in approval of its work, especially since the war when the gallant and sacrificing services of horses to the armies arrayed against the Kaiser were brought into public notice. Instances of soldiers who refused to leave their wounded animal comrades under fire became common, and every one has heard the song of the trooper who wanted his horses to go with him to heaven, but resolved that if they couldn't join him there he preferred to go to the nether regions.

The Christmas horse dinner, however, is only one of the activities of the league which continue throughout the year. Day or night its ambulances are ready to go to the relief of any sick, injured or lost animal anywhere in the city, and during the last five years it has cared for more than 15,000 such cases. The city authorities have freely acknowledged that Washington is cleaner, more sanitary and more sightly as a result.

Anyone who is looking forward to a good, hearty Christmas dinner himself and wants to spread the Christmas cheer to some being less fortunate than himself can do so by sending feed or money to the headquarters of the Animal Rescue League, 349 Maryland avenue southwest. Being in silence for the aid of mankind will say a prayer.

GENTILES TO HELP RAISE  
JEWISH BUILDING FUND

Special Committee Formed in New York to Push the Campaign.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made here today of the organization of a special committee of nationally prominent Gentiles to aid the united building funds' campaign for a fund of \$10,000,000 with which to extend the activities and improve the buildings of thirty-four Jewish institutions.

The work of this special committee is to be directed from the Hotel Pennsylvania by Col. Arthur Woods, formerly assistant to the Secretary of War and ex-police commissioner of New York, and W. Ward Smith, who conducted the successful actors' fund drive. The committee includes George Gordon Battle, president; Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University; President Newcomb Carlton, of the Western Union; R. Fulton Cutting, John Hays Hammond, Hamilton Holt, Charles Evans Hughes, Arthur Curtiss James, George Foster Peabody, Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

In announcing the new organization, the special committee made this statement:

"Leading Jews of the country have made vigorous efforts to raise a \$10,000,000 fund with which to improve some thirty-four of their public institutions, many of them nonsectarian, including hospitals, orphanages, day nurseries, neighborhood centers and settlement houses.

"Because their funds were devoted in war to war purposes, those institutions are now in financial distress. The Gentile committee believes there could be no finer expression of 'our good will toward men' than the making up by Gentiles of the sum which will be obtained."

MANY APPLY FOR JOBS  
AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Demand for Work Exceeds Supply of Vacancies in D. C. Employment Drive.

The fifteen-day campaign to secure jobs for the unemployed as Christmas presents, being conducted by the Citizens' Free Employment Committee, located in the building formerly occupied by the U. S. Employment Service, 1110 Pennsylvania avenue, is drawing to a close with a surplus of applicants.

"Though every means have been adopted to comb the District for opportunities for returned service men, and others who can find no employment there still exists a surplus of applicants, which, it is the earnest hope of the directors in charge of the drive will be absorbed before the close of the drive on December 24," said George L. Price, head of the committee.

The women's division and the professional section, directed by Mrs. Raymond Morgan, who after Christmas will handle the professional section exclusively, requests that vacancies for women in any line of work be registered with the committee.

"We are taking the greatest possible care to see that no applicant is sent out to fill a position for which he or she is not fitted by experience," said Mrs. Morgan today. "We can give employers every assurance that the persons sent to fill the vacancies will be qualified for the position."

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TOLD TO PICK HER  
GRAVE, WIFE SAYS

Baltimore Woman Asks Divorce When Minister Sues to Recover Money.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—While prosecuting a suit against his wife of six months, Carrie B. Ruth, in circuit Court, No. 2, yesterday, the Rev. Charles W. Ruth was sued by her for a limited divorce in circuit court. The couple were married April 30 last and separated October 18. The age of each was given as fifty years in the marriage license and each had been married before. The Rev. Ruth's suit against his wife is to recover \$1,901.94, he says he advanced his wife to pay on a home.

According to Mrs. Ruth's bill of complaint, her husband treated her with great cruelty, harshness and brutality, at times striking her, his conduct finally becoming so intolerable that she had to leave him. By his threats of violence, she also alleged, he prevented her returning to her home and has contributed nothing to her support.

Mrs. Ruth asserts that her conduct has always been above reproach. She also alleged that her husband, owned a large amount of property, while all she had was the residence at 2750 Riggs avenue, subject to a ground rent of \$75. Bonnal & Lee are her attorneys.

Mr. Ruth alleges further that his wife left him on October 27 and that he continued to live in the house until October 30, when he found that the locks on the doors had been changed and he could not get in. He gained entrance, however, he states, but his wife and her son suddenly appeared and ordered him to leave, upon threats of having him arrested. He says that the property he sold if necessary for him to get his money back.

In the answer of Mrs. Ruth and her son to her husband's suit, it is alleged that Mr. Ruth ill-treated his wife so that she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and that she had to leave the city to recuperate.

In the trial of the case yesterday Mr. Ruth admitted that two days after their marriage he asked his wife where she wanted to be buried. He explained that the remark was made after his wife had taken him on a walk to the Western Cemetery.

Mr. Ruth is a Methodist clergyman without any special charge.

## RUTH CLIFFORD LIKES RIDING

A New York paper says that a visitor in Central Park each morning can find pretty Ruth Clifford there taking her daily "constitutional" on horseback. To this form of exercise and diversion Miss Clifford is an ardent devotee.

"PICTURE BRIDES"  
BANNED BY JAPAN

Nippon Government Breaks Up Practice Protested Vigorously By U. S.

The practice of importing "picture brides," under which nearly 45,000 Japanese women are estimated to have come into the United States in the last eleven years, will be broken up by the Japanese government, Ambassador Shidehara declared in a note to the State Department last night.

These Japanese "picture brides" have been entering the United States at the rate of from 3,000 to 7,000 a year since the "gentlemen's agreement" was reached between the United States and Japan, in 1911, and at the rate of more than 5,000 annually the past three years, it was estimated.

The announced intention of the Japanese government to break up the practice follows several months of vigorous representations to that end by the State Department.

Members of the California delegation in Congress predicted today that the concession of Japan undoubtedly would clear up the matter for all time, and said that it would obviate serious complications between Japan and the United States. State Department officials commented favorably on the friendly spirit shown by the Japanese government in making the concession.

The "picture bride" scheme was devised after the Japanese government stopped issuance of passports to the United States to laborers. At that time there were 80,000 to 150,000 Japanese in this country.

The Japanese man in this country would send his picture back to Japan and the "picture bride" would declare before the authorities that this man was her husband. On this declaration a passport would be given her to join her "husband." In most cases, the man had never seen his "bride," and often the girl had been born after her "husband" had come to this country.

## AMERICANS WED ABROAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—S. R. Moomaw, of London and Virginia, was married here to Mrs. May Oldendorf, widow of Major F. H. Oldendorf, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Downs, of Artillery Mansions, London, says a copyrighted dispatch from London to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Can. Norman A. R. Spencer, of British Columbia, was married here to Ruth, daughter of the late Clarence Starr and Mrs. Starr, of Wilmington, Ohio, and San Diego, Cal.

SPOOK PARAPHERNALIA  
SALE EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Psychic Wave Sweeping Country Causes Big Demand for Ouija Boards.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A nationwide interest in the psychic is sweeping the country in a wave, it was revealed today through information that the sale of ouija boards and books on spiritualism had increased immeasurably in the last few months.

Shortly after the movement began to attain popularity rivaling that in England, where it received its impetus, ouija boards were at a premium. Today buyers for large department stores are experiencing difficulty in obtaining enough to supply the demand.

POLICEMAN KILLED AS  
EGYPT RIOTING GROWS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A policeman was killed in a fresh outbreak of rioting at Alexandria, Egypt, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that city today.

Fresh troubles arose in Cairo, where street cars were attacked and smashed. Eleven students were arrested.



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